

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[15] Figure 2 illustrates a driveshaft assembly including a male component 32 and a female component 34. It should be understood that the term driveshaft as used herein includes the forward driveshaft, interaxle driveshaft, and other drivetrain components that likewise benefit from the invention. The female component 34 is in sliding engagement with the male component 32 along an axis 30A. A grease fitting 38 and welch plug 40 are disposed in the female component 34. A seal 42 between the male component 32 and female component 34 prevents intrusion of foreign particles into the driveshaft assembly 24 and maintains lubrication for the sliding engagement between the male component 32 and female component 34.

[16] Referring to Figure 3, the male component 30-32 includes a male yoke 50 which tapers into a stem portion 54. One segment of the stem portion 54 is a splined segment 56A which allows a sliding engagement with corresponding internal splines 56B (Figure 4) within the female component 34.

[19] Receptacle member 62 includes a welch plug 40 and a cylindrical member 72 which contains the internal splines 56B. The internal splines 56B provide sliding engagement with ~~splined portion~~ ~~segment~~ 56A (Figure 3) of the male component 30-32. The female component 24 provides a grease aperture 68-70 to receive the grease fitting 38. A seal 77 prevents debris and the like from entering into the female component 34 as the male component 30-32 slides relative thereto.